

JAPAN'S POSITION

AMBASSADOR AOKI SAYS SHE WILL RESTRICT IMMIGRATION BY HER OWN REGULATIONS, BUT REGARDS IT AS OFFENSIVE TO HAVE REGULATIONS IN EITHER AN EXCLUSION LAW OR A TREATY.—A COOL RECEPTION.

"JAPAN IS RESTRICTING THE IMMIGRATION OF LABORERS AT THE PRESENT TIME AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, NOT ONLY ON THE CONTINENT, BUT TO HAWAII. THIS CAN AND WILL BE DONE BY JAPANESE INTERNAL LAW, BUT IT WOULD BE REGARDED AS OFFENSIVE TO THE DIGNITY OF JAPAN TO HAVE THIS COUNTRY PASS AN EXCLUSION LAW OR TO EMBODY THE SUBJECT IN A TREATY."—Ambassador Aoki.

The Viscount Aoki, returning Japanese ambassador to the United States, arrived here this morning on the S. S. Manchuria, disinclined to see newspapermen and apparently seeking seclusion generally. His countrymen gave him no reception. Not a Japanese flag flew from a sampan and few Japanese, most of them newspapermen, were at the wharf to meet him.

Aoki, however, talked in San Francisco, giving utterance to his views regarding the all-important matter of immigration. He is probably going home for good, to be succeeded by Takahira, but does not state that any formal recall has yet taken place.

"Personally I do not think that there is any chance of Japan and America going to war over an exclusion law, although I am unable to answer for the minds of my countrymen in Japan. The news in Japan over the possibilities of an exclusion law being passed in Washington, may have made some of the people in Japan a little excited, but I am confident that everything will come out to the complete satisfaction of both countries."

This statement was made this morning by K. Hayashi, manager of the Mitsui bank in Tokyo who is on the Manchuria on his way home after a four months trip to London. "I went partly on business and partly on pleasure and I am very sorry that I am unable to state the business I transacted while there."

In answer to the question "Did you go on to London to see about floating large loan?" he replied, "I cannot answer that. I left Japan four months ago for Europe via the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and have been in London constantly ever since."

"Do you think that Japan would resist by arms the action of the United States in the event of an exclusion bill being passed preventing Japanese from coming into the country?" was asked.

"I think that before anything like that would happen the matter would be settled by arbitration," replied Hayashi. "Regarding the coming of the American fleet to this ocean I am certain



M. AOKI.

that if they decide to visit Japan they will be received with every courtesy possible. Japan is not at all anxious to go to war with America, but the voices of the masses in Japan may be so loud that the government will be obliged to take some steps in the event of any exclusion bill being passed. Regarding the recall of Ambassador Aoki who is a fellow passenger on the Manchuria, I can honestly state that he has not been recalled but is going home at his own request. He asked the Emperor to be allowed to return, and possibly when he gets back he will be officially recalled. I do not think that Takahira will be appointed to relieve Aoki in the event of his being recalled. Takahira is not at all popular in Japan, and I doubt very much if the Emperor will do anything to hurt the feelings of the people. Aoki will make a full report on his return relative to the immigration situation throughout the United States to the Emperor, and the future course of Japan will depend entirely on his report. Regarding the feeling in Canada against Japanese I do not know very much about it but from all I can understand there is a feeling of resentment against the coming in of Japanese labor. In conclusion all I can say is that I hope that the good feelings that have existed in the past be-

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SWEDEN'S NEW KING



KING GUSTAVUS V AND QUEEN VICTORIA

STOCKHOLM, December 31.—Upon King Augustus V. will follow the death of his father King Oscar, the heir was sworn in as King Augustus V. to that end has requested all the officials to remain at their posts of duty. The people for the Fatherland."

GOVERNOR FREAR'S TRIP SUCCESSFUL

THE EXECUTIVE BACK AFTER A STAY IN WASHINGTON DURING WHICH HE WORKED ON VARIOUS HAWAIIAN MEASURES—THINKS MUCH PROGRESS FOR THE TERRITORY WAS MADE—ADDRESS THIS AFTERNOON.

Governor Frear, accompanied by Mrs. Frear and Mr. Alexander Frear, drove at once to their home on Punahou street after the first greetings on the wharf were over this morning.

The Governor stated that he was feeling very well, notwithstanding the fact that he put in a very strenuous two months in the East, and as a result of overwork was not able to leave his room in New York on Christmas day nor for a day or so following. Regarding his work, he said that he was well satisfied, and that progress had been made on all the matters which he had expected to look after when he left.

The Governor arranged to meet the members of his official family at his office in the Capitol at 1 o'clock, and at 2 to address the Chamber of Commerce according to arrangements already made.

Governor and Mrs. Frear, after their arrival at their home shortly before 10 o'clock left shortly after, going to a friend's home near by. During their absence Ambassador Aoki, in company with Consul General Saito, of the Japanese Consulate, called and left cards.

The most important matters connected with the Territory on which Governor Frear spent his time while in Washington, were Pearl Harbor improvements and fortifications, the matter of intercoast shipping laws, the matter of salaries, military reservations, hydrographic survey of the islands, and a number of other matters of more or less moment. He did not have time this morning to discuss them except in a general way, but seemed pleased with the outlook for them all.

Congress will probably take up matter of Pearl Harbor, but whether or not an appropriation can be secured during this session is uncertain, but the importance of the improvements there are coming to be so generally recognized that the next session is almost certain to make the necessary appropriations. Governor Frear did good missionary work on this matter, and his influence will doubtless have good results.

Better shipping service between here and the Coast will be threshed

out by Congress through the ship subsidy bill which is now before the body. Through his conferences with the War Department Governor Frear believes that the matter of military reservations will soon be straightened out, and recommendation for the appropriation of \$10,000 for a hydrographic survey has already been included in the estimate of the bureau.

The Americanization of the Territory was a matter which the Governor gave much attention, and the Hepburn bill now in the House to permit the Territory to lend aid to immigration from European countries was not a little the result of his efforts.

OTWELL'S
POSITION

WILL DO HIS DEPARTMENT'S OWN WORK HERE REGARDLESS OF VIEWS OF CONTRACTORS.

The War Department, by its Engineers, chief of whom in Hawaii is Captain Otwell, will do its own fortification structure at Pearl Harbor and contractors, backed by Japanese or otherwise, may whistle to the tune of lawsuits and complaints to Washington until doomsday for all the good it will do them.

The War Department is no respecter of persons, corporations or enterprises and the sole object is to get the work done and Captain Otwell will himself see that all necessary material for the beginning and progress of Pearl Harbor fortifications is supplied and supplied pretty near when it is wanted. All bids have been rejected and, according to present plans, no new bids will be called for.

Captain Otwell never notified Washington of any refusal of bids on the ground that Japanese were backing contractors or on any other grounds. Captain Otwell was not supposed to

JAPAN MAKING CHANGE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)
TOKIO, January 14.—The Emperor has declared that he will accept the resignation of Saionji. He has accepted the resignation of Yamagata and Satani, whose portfolios have been taken by Malanda and Kellhara.

As a result of the increased budget and taxation a reduction in future army and navy estimates, is expected.

Saionji is the Japanese chief of Cabinet and the above cable therefore indicates a complete change in the Japanese administration. Yamagata, whose resignation has been accepted, was Minister of Communications, and Satani was Minister of Finance.

PUNISH ABE RUEF

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)
SAN FRANCISCO, January 14.—Judge Dunne has refused to agree to recognize the Ruef immunity contract.

TERRIBLE DISASTER

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)
BOYERTOWN, Pa. January 14.—A hundred and fifty three bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the theatre which burned yesterday.

There are still others in the ruins.

THE FLEET AT BRAZIL

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)
RIO DE JANEIRO, January 14.—President Peuna and other officials of the government are entertaining the American fleet.

FISK IS POSTMASTER.
(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 14.—Fisk has been nominated by the President for Postmaster of San Francisco.

RECEIVER NAMED.
SAN FRANCISCO, January 14.—E. J. Leeberton has been appointed receiver of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

EMPIRE THEATER

The Empire, is the name of the new moving picture theatre which opens for the first time tonight in Honolulu. The show is one of the kind which have become immensely popular within the past few years on the mainland, and concerning which the Saturday Evening Post, of several weeks ago had a long article. The theatre is located on Bethel street just makes of Hotel street. The prices are 10 and 5 cents.

Messrs. Werner and Tait, the two young San Franciscans who are the proprietors, state that the films will be changed several times per week, and that they will particularly work for the patronage of ladies and children as the show will be clean and moral. Some instrumental and vocal music will be regular features of the performances which are to be given several times each afternoon and evening beginning with tonight.

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make any such notification.

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FREAR TELLS OF HIS TRIP

THE GOVERNOR, JUST RETURNED, ADDRESSES A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING OF BUSINESS MEN AT A MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—A HOPEFUL VIEW OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON.

Governor Frear this afternoon addressed Honolulu business men at a special meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce. Among those present were: James F. Morgan, F. J. Lowrey, E. D. Tenney, W. P. Steinhilber, W. R. Cantle, Judge Weaver, George R. Carter, D. P. R. Isenberg, C. M. Cooke, G. W. Smith, J. A. Gilman, Senator Dowsett, Richard Ivers, A. L. C. Alkinson, R. F. Dillingham, J. R. Cantle, E. E. Paxton, Secretary E. Mott-Smith, E. Wodehouse, E. Tenney Peck, F. U. Jones, T. Olive Davies, J. W. Pratt, James McLean Captain Otwell, U.S.A., W. W. Hall, Mr. Beadle, Judge Kingsbury, C. Hedemann, F. King, W. L. Hopper, F. Lang, E. R. Stackable.

The Governor was presented by President Morgan, of the Chamber of Commerce, who said that what Frear would say would probably be in the form of a preliminary talk. He would no doubt later speak more fully.

"I have enjoyed my trip and am glad to get back, appreciating the welcome home. Good weather throughout has lightened my labors," said the Governor in opening.

"The two great topics on the mainland are the financial stress, now about over, and the coming presidential election. The masses seem to have been laughing at the so-called financial stress, seeming to think it a good joke on the rich man. I found a great deal of interest in Hawaii. Everybody inquires concerning Hawaii. Hawaii seems to be becoming known generally perhaps through the Promotion Committee."

"I appointed myself a promotion committeeman and brought several people with me as a result. More are to come. I believe in preaching Hawaii."

"The Trans-Mississippi Congress which I attended for you is a manifestation of a tendency of interests to combine to crystallize interests and thoughts of the western states. It has been felt that easterners got too much from Congress, as compared to the west, and the west is looking up as its own spokesman."

"Hawaii received lots of attention at this Congress. She had but one delegate, but he was given a prominent place. The President of the Congress, and the secretary worked well for Hawaii. The next meeting will be in San Francisco and we should have a large delegation. I then visited the Rivers and Harbors Convention. This was held in Washington and is of the utmost importance. Its single object was the adoption of a policy, a resolution that Congress should adopt a plan which should take 10 years for its accomplishment, spending \$10,000,000 a year; looking to the development of inland waterways. It was pointed out how much other countries were doing in this line. The railroads are unable to accommodate the traffic as J. J. Hill, railroad leader, himself pointed out."

"There is every reason to believe that this congress will be successful. The realization of these ideas will benefit Hawaii. It will make it easier for us to get harbor improvements, will lead to larger appropriations."

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"The commerce of the Pacific after the Panama Canal, will be greatly facilitated. They look forward to this very sanguinely in the states."

"I attended a convention of business men acting with a view to bringing the canal in closer touch with the business interests of the United States all over the world. President Roosevelt, Secretary Strauss and others gave this conference little talks."

"When H. P. Wood was in Washington he thought it would be a good idea for consuls, when passing this way, to notify us of their coming and talk to us here."

"I took up some forty or fifty matters pertaining to our interests. I found all officials favorably impressed with Hawaii."

"We have twenty-nine good friends in Congress as the result of their visit here. They speak well of us and seem to have to get on to our problems remarkably well. Some want to come out here to spend their days when they are through with jobs. Dr. Wylie hoped there would be just enough friction here in regard to pure food laws so that he would have to come here for a trip (laughter). I think we can expect Mr. Pluchot this summer."

"The Territory now comes under a bureau of Territories; this is to our advantage, as example, I could take a matter up with the Secretary of Interior and he would pass me to the proper department."

"We are fairly well off for labor but we don't know when the Japanese government will stop immigration here. We cannot tell. We hope it will continue at least until another avenue opens."

"We are at the opening of a new era."

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AN ENTERPRISING MERCHANT.

K. Yamamoto, wholesale merchant, Hotel street, received large shipments of Japan rice and provisions on both the Mongolia and Amiral Fourchion. K. Yamamoto is the biggest importer among the local Japanese merchants. His rice, which is the best in the market, is imported direct from the field.

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